

SSPC QP-2 Position Contractor Requirements for Maintaining QP-2 Certification

Many contractors are faced with the problem of infrequent hazardous material removal projects. QP-2 currently requires that the contractor be observed performing the work to obtain initial certification.

To maintain QP-2 certification a contractor must be able to demonstrate operational capability at an active jobsite at least once in the 48 months following initial qualification.

During the 48 month period, the contractor shall comply with all the requirements of the QP-2 standard procedures, including maintaining qualified employees, appropriate equipment, and all other QP-2 technical and administrative requirements. Some of these requirements are the following:

1. Submit maintenance application annually to SSPC Certification Manager.
Note: Contractors that do not renew within 60 days of the renewal date will be treated as new applicants requiring a job site visit to a hazardous material removal project.
2. Notify SSPC of all active hazardous material removal projects regardless of contractor's qualification category.

Should a contractor not have a hazardous material removal project to be audited the auditor shall verify at the contractors office that the contractor is maintaining QP-2 certification.

1. Contractor is maintaining hazardous material project records in accordance with all Federal, State and Local regulations (a minimum of 30 years).
2. Contractor maintains a current Health and Safety Program that includes safe operating procedures for the removal of hazardous material.
3. Contractor personnel designated "competent persons" have received training and current refresher training in accordance with QP-2 requirements.
4. Workers designated for hazardous material removal projects have current training.
5. All personnel have current medical testing

Contractor will have available at the office audit all documentation of current and past projects. Some of these records are:

- Name, date, location and names of Project managers and Competent Person
- Environmental control monitoring
- Airborne monitoring and biological exposure
- Hazard Communications Training
- PPE issuance and monitoring

Continued:

- Worker training & tool box sessions
 - Meets regulatory approval for work performed
 - Records verifying training in contractors site specific written compliance plan

- Verification of engineering controls
 - Daily or as required
 - Containment inspection
 - Airflow measurements
 - Documenting non conformances
 - Evidence of protecting air, water and soil from emissions
 - Work site access is controlled

- Project documentation
 - Pictures or videos of jobsite conditions and containment
 - Approved blueprints, drawings and submittals required to perform work
 - Exposure assessments
 - Daily ventilation performance checks
 - Respirator fit testing & maintenance
 - Personal monitoring results
 - Medical surveillance results
 - Weekly site inspections

- Company Safety and Health program
 - Written worker safety and health plan
 - Record of Safety program communicated to workers
 - Evidence that the program addressed applicable regulatory requirements
 - Details of hazardous materials compliance plan

- Environmental Protection Plan
 - Methods of testing debris
 - A sampling plan for collecting debris for testing
 - Sample identification and chain of custody forms
 - Site Storage and Handling Practices
 - Treatment and Disposal Practices as appropriate, including site clearance of contaminated equipment, containment, materials and proper disposal of filters, tarps, etc.

Contractors who want to maintain QP 2 certification but who have not had any bona fide hazardous paint removal work during the 48-month allowable window for maintaining certification without performing QP 2 type work, should contact the SSPC Certification Manager (412/281-2331 ext 2235 or Suzich@SSPC.org) to arrange for an audit to have SSPC verify QP 2 readiness.